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JANUARY 2005

Meeting of Community Board #3 held January 25th, 2005, 6:46 PM, PS 20, 166 Essex Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT FIRST VOTE:

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PUBLIC SESSION:

1. "Courtney" (No last name), First Street Block Association. Her block association petitioned the SLA Committee and the Community Board requesting that the board's position for a moratorium on liquor licenses in the area be extended to her block, which already has eight establishments which have liquor licenses. She noted that often establishments started as basic coffee shops and then added liquor in their establishments because an alcohol-free place was not considered lucrative.
2. Miriam Casillas, Manhattan Comprehensive Day/Night High School (MC). She announced that MC was designed to give teenagers their last opportunities to get diplomas and that they do testing every Fridays for all students over 17 years of age.
3. Lea Feng, Asian Women in Business, came to promote the Asian American Tsunami Fundraiser at the Golden Bridge Restaurant, 50 Bowery, on February 1, 2005, where 100% of the proceeds go directly to UNICEF's Tsunami Water and Sanitation Fund. She noted that other organizations involved in this effort include Asian Americans For Equality, Korean American Counseling Center, American Fujian Association of Commerce and Trade, Asian Americans For New York, CPC and OCA.
4. Jim Wangler, New York City Coalition Against Hunger, came to present information on The United Way Food Card Access Project, which screens people for food stamps eligibility in the Lower East Side, East Village and Chinatown communities as one of the five targeted sites in the city. He believed that there were over 700,000 people eligible for food stamps who did not receive them.
5. Pat DeAngelis, as an individual, was requesting to have the street light repaired in front of her home at 170 East 3rd Street. She noted that she called Consolidated Edison, 311 and Councilmember Margarita Lopez's offices, but so far nobody had acted on her concern, and so she was going to the board to request help.
6. Michael Carter announcing the NTDTV televised Chinese New Year's Global Theatre at the MSG cable channel on February 4th.
7. Harvey Epstein, as lawyer for Housing Conservation Coordinators (not as CB#3 board member), was requesting Speaker Sheldon Silver to oppose the West Side Stadium at the Public Authorities Control Board.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

1. There was no representative from State Senator Thomas K. Duane's office.
2. New York State Assemblymember Steven Sanders, Dolores Hernandez, representative. She mentioned an upcoming hearing regarding the plight of homeless children and will bring information about it at the next meeting.
3. New York State Senator Martin Connor, Alice Cancel, representative, mentioned that one should alert the community if there is electrical wiring exposed and that she was the housing advocate dealing with housing application and reform. She also reported a scholarship opportunity for a chosen student to attend SUNY Maritime College free for one year derived from the Senator's ability to nominate two such promising students. The school offers degrees in engineering, international business, maritime environmental sciences and humanities.
4. United States Congressperson Nydia Velazquez. No representative attended, but the regular rep, who was away due to health reasons, send the board office an e-mail requesting that an announcement should be made at the full board meeting regarding a grants forum for federal funds for education and the arts, hosted by the Congressperson at PS 20, on February 11th, 2005, 10:30AM.

5. United States Congressperson Carolyn Maloney, Victor Montesinos, representative, spoke about \$200,000 of federal appropriations for the Rape Crisis Intervention Program (RCIP) for New York City youth at Beth Israel Medical Center.
6. United States Congressperson Jerrold Nadler, Michael Kay, rep, noted that what the congressperson considered widespread and documented irregularities in the Ohio election may not have proven to change the outcome of the election, it still undermined the legitimacy of the electoral process and needed to be condemned. The Congressperson also mourned the loss of the former Brooklyn Congressperson Shirley Chisholm and the California Congressperson Robert Matsui. Otherwise, Mr. Kay noted that December was a light period in Washington.
7. NYC Comptroller William Thompson, Rafael Escaño, representative. The Board Chairperson noted that this was the first time a representative of the Comptroller's office has ever appeared before the Board. Mr. Escaño spoke about a report issued from his office regarding the ability the city's hospitals to provide translations, particularly Spanish. He also noted that Pat DeAngelis should call him at the Citizen Action Unit to see if he could help her regarding the street lighting in front of her building.
8. Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Field, Bradford Sussman, representative, invited all board members to attend her State of the Borough Address the following day, January 26th, at noon at Jazz at Lincoln Center at West 60th Street and Broadway, Fifth Floor, with reception of "delicious snacks" to follow. He also announced an African-American History photographic celebration at the Manhattan Borough President's Office on Tuesday, February 8th, 2005 between 6 and 7:30PM. He also mentioned the Borough President's support of New York's effort to aid the victims of the tsunami.
9. New York City Councilmember Margarita Lopez, John Farrell, representative. He announced a Town Hall meeting held on January 20th, regarding the future of former PS 64 () and indicated that the community is still working together with elected officials regarding the matter. The Councilmember also had a press conference on January 12th on the steps of City Hall concerning disabled bus riders being stranded as a result of the bus strike. She had also joined with Councilmember Alan Gerson to support the creation of a Lower Manhattan Relief Coalition to aid the tsunami victims. All donations to the Coalition would go to the Red Cross.
10. New York State Assemblymember Deborah Glick, Gregory Brender, representative spoke about the State Budget.
11. New York State Assemblymember Sheldon Silver, Jessica Ashenberg, representative. She spoke about the Assemblymember's concern regarding the West Side Stadium and indicated that he may not support it in lieu of the need for the state to strengthen the economy of the still depressed Lower Manhattan area, which he feels is a priority. She also noted the manner in which the State Budget has been delayed, first with its failure to comply with the Campaign for Fiscal Equality Court's decision to provide for additional schools in New York City and also with the Governor's proposal to cut Medicaid in a way that would hurt seniors and persons with disabilities. The Assemblymember has approved the Campaign Finance Reform Act that would provide for public matching funds to candidates for state office who limit contributions with respect to their campaigns, significantly reduce current campaign contribution limits to political parties and candidates, and close loopholes that allow corporations to avoid campaign contribution limits.
12. New York City Councilmember Alan Gerson, Luis Reyes, representative. He mentioned organizing vision screenings, with Gouverneur Hospital wanting to join. The Councilmember was also proposing a hospital study to determine the needs and state of our hospitals. He also wanted to retain Boy's Club without having any housing there. He also announced that there would be future town hall meetings in the area, including one at Smith Houses. Finally, he mentioned that a hearing was scheduled for February 3rd, regarding how to factor and reduce the ambulance response time for the Emergency Medical Services, which is under the New York Fire Department. He explained that currently response time is tabulated from the time a call is placed by 911 to the time it reaches the caller's address. This does not factor issues of how many stories a building may have and potential problems of using the elevators. The bill would require that the response time would mean from the time a person calls 911 to the time EMS gets to the caller's apartment. In this way, in neighborhoods where there are a series of high-rise apartment complexes there would be more ambulances readily available for their potential uses than in neighborhoods with predominantly four or five story buildings.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18th 2004:

Approved, as is.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

The District Manager thanked Elizabeth Cruse for her volunteer work in the board office.

She also announced that the Lower East Side Voice, a paper of United Jewish Council, had an article about Community Board 3.

The Board's website now has vote sheets for the last 2 months and has started an archive of board minutes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

1. David McWater announced volunteer/board member board office clean-up party on Saturday, February 5th, 10 AM to 5 PM.
2. He also announced two immediate resignations from the board: Katrina Monzon and Echo Wong, the latter of whom was board treasurer. Ms. Wong's resignation required the formation of a nomination committee to fill her position. He asked that if there were anyone who wanted to join this committee, that that person should notify him right away.
3. He also announced that in February at the Executive Board meeting there will be a discussion about the board putting forth its own 197-A Zoning Plan, after which recommendations would be made to the full board as how best to proceed.
4. He noted that Morris Fajtelewicz returned from his leave of absence from the board.
5. He announced his own engagement to be married in May and let the board know in advance that he may have Herman Hewitt, as First Vice President, substitute for him while he is on his honeymoon.

6. He talked about the group photo taken for Board Member Deborah Simon, who as a National Reservist, was fighting in Iraq. The photo was shown around for all board members to see. He asked if there were other things board members wanted to add in the mailing to Ms. Simon.
7. Finally, he noted the passing of the father of longtime board member Lisa Kaplan and sent his condolences on behalf of the board.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Concerning Committee Votes.

David McWater spoke about discussed the vote to support new office site at the First Houses, on East 3rd Street near Avenue A for the move this June when the board's lease will be up at its current site on East 4th Street. He noted that it was across the street from where the District Manager lived, and while it is considerably smaller than our current site, it was the only place that could be found at the rate that DCAS would allow us. He also noted that there could be another place that would possibly be ready, but not by the date the board had to leave from its current location, which may be considered for a future time.

COMMITTEE VOTE: To give DCAS the "go ahead" in negotiating a new office space for the Community Board located in First Houses on 3rd Street between First Avenue & Avenue A.

BOARD VOTE:

31 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV

MOTION PASSED

HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Concerning Committee Votes.

DISCUSSION: The Chairperson explained that the presentation for Cooper Union was postponed until the following month because most board members received their packets of information either on the day of the committee meeting or the following day, leaving no time for preparation.

1. Presentation by Cooper Union of modification to plans for new academic building at 41 Cooper Sq

No Vote Necessary

2. Support of City Council resolution 200 to eliminate self-certification of

COMMITTEE VOTE:

WHEREAS, it is apparent that DOB's policy of allowing developers to "self-certify" is ineffective and has repeatedly proved detrimental to our community; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB #3 supports passage of NYC Council Resolution 200 and endorses the application of its provisions to all multiple dwellings. (See attached - Page 6).

3. Presentation & Q&A by City Planning regarding Community use facility regulations

COMMITTEE VOTE:

WHEREAS, community facility bonus allowances have been routinely granted to developers for projects that do not benefit our community, and these bonuses have, in fact, significantly altered the character of our community and CB # 3 seeks to address this vital issue in a comprehensive and meaningful fashion; SO

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that representatives from the Community Assistance Unit of the Mayor's Office, the Department of Buildings and NYC Planning attend the February meeting of the CB # 3 Housing and Land Use Committee to address the community's concerns.

4. ULURP 050209PPM: Land use review of site for LES Girls' Club, 101 & 105 Ave D (btwn 7th & 8th Sts)

No Vote Necessary

5. Request for CB3 support for Dept of Buildings review of work at 239 E 7th St.

COMMITTEE VOTE:

WHEREAS, Representatives of the residential building located at 241 East 7th Street having appeared before the CB # 3 Housing and Land Use Committee and expressing concerns about ongoing construction at 239 E. 7th Street; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB #3 requests that NYC Department of Building assist the residents of 241 East 7th Street by (1) addressing the concerns raised in Ardache Corporation's letter to DOB dated December 6, 2004; and (2) by meeting with representatives of 241 E. 7th Street.

6. Community Board support for NYC Housing Authority to negotiate in good faith new commercial lease with neighborhood business, Pretty Decorating Co at 29 Ave A

COMMITTEE VOTE:

WHEREAS, the members of CB #3 recognize that small businesses play a vital role in our community and are essential in maintaining the economic diversity and vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, Pretty Decorating, located at 29 Avenue A, has been a long-time neighborhood business that seeks to continue operating within our community; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB3 urges the New York City Housing Authority to conduct renewal lease negotiations with Pretty Decorating in good faith and use its best efforts to allow Pretty Decorating to continue to operate at its present location.

BOARD VOTE:

31 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV

MOTION PASSED

HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIORS and YOUTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Concerning Committee Votes.

DISCUSSION: A board member requested the removal of Item #3 in the Youth Committee regarding a health fair at the Chinatown Y because the member felt that there was a possible conflict of interest when the committee chair works for the Chinatown Y and was concerned that the nature of the board's participation in the organizing of the fair was tantamount to fundraising. She felt that we have never publicized an event, just participated in it. Nevertheless, another board member countered by saying that last summer we organized our own health day event that required no fundraising. And the board chair noted that the committee chair is also the chair of the Outreach Committee, and that this fair was an opportunity to do outreach.

Human Services & Seniors Committee

1. Presentation from Gouverneur Hospital Mobile Crises Unit

No Vote Necessary

2. Dept. of Homeless Services: lack of community input for renewal contract for Palace Hotel

No Vote Necessary

3. Presentation on new requirements to allow "excess" income to be spent on living expenses instead of contributions back to the Medicaid program

No Vote Necessary

Youth & Education Committee

1. United Federation of Teachers presentation

No Vote Necessary

2. Request for support from Commission of the Public's Health System to support to restore City Council Funds for children's health services

COMMITTEE VOTE: To support the Commission of the Public Health System to request the restoration of City Council Funds for children's health services. (See attached - Page 7)

3. Healthy Kids & Adult Day, 04/02/05, 10am to 2pm at YMCA-Chinatown, 100 Hester St, partnership w/hospital health screening

COMMITTEE VOTE: That CB3 will be one of the organizers of the Chinatown YMCA Healthy kids and family day on April 5, 2005. As one of the organizers, CB3 will help publicize the event to the community, and participate by setting up a booth to publicize what the Community Board role is in the community and how people can participate in our Government process.

4. Support for Community Board forum on Community Education Councils

COMMITTEE VOTE: To postpone vote till next month and invite a representative of the CEC (Community Education Council) to speak at our next Human Services and Youth Committee.

BOARD VOTE:

32 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV

0 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 3 PNV (Item 3, Youth)

MOTION PASSED

SLA AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Concerning Committee Report

DISCUSSION: The Committee Chair requested the insertion of food on Item # 9, Clause #2 between the words serve and to.

Resolution Addition:

1. 1st St btwn 1st & 2nd Aves: Request to be added to resolution prohibiting additional liquor licenses within certain areas of CB3

COMMITTEE VOTE: To add First Street between First and Second Avenues to the resolution area because it currently has eight (8) existing licenses on a small block and is overwhelmed with noise from pedestrian and vehicular traffic as well as from commercial garbage trucks.

Complaints:

2. Second On Second Café, 27 2nd Ave - update on noise insulation improvements

No Vote Necessary

3. Boulevard, 199 Bowery

COMMITTEE VOTE: That licensee has one (1) month to cure existing violations of agreement stipulated between licensee and Community Board 3, to wit, eliminating existing dancing on main floor permanently, eliminating dancing in lower level prior to approval of a cabaret license and employing sufficient security personnel to supervise pedestrian and vehicular traffic so that the NYPD does not need to supplement location staff with city police officers.

4. Mercadito, 179 Ave B

No Vote Necessary

Alterations/Transfers/Upgrades:

5. Tenement, 157 Ludlow St (trans/alt/op)

COMMITTEE VOTE: To approve change in corporate name only, understanding that the corporation principals and method of operation have remained the same.

6. Ruby Lounge, 186 E 2nd St (alt)

No Vote Necessary: Withdrawn by applicant and to be calendared next month for review.

New Sidewalk Café/Bench Applications:

7. Les Enfants Terribles, 37 Canal St (new plan to sidewalk café to cure previous objections)

COMMITTEE VOTE: To approve revisions for Les Enfants Terribles, 37 Canal Street, decreasing length of unenclosed sidewalk café and number of tables to four (4).

8. M&R Mediterranean Corp, 304 E 6th St (enc sidewalk café with 3 tables & 8 seats)

COMMITTEE VOTE: To approve application of new owner, M&R Mediterranean Corp, 304 E 6th St, for existing enclosed sidewalk café provided its use and character as an enclosed sidewalk café remain the same.

New Liquor License Applications:

9. Lioness, 100 Clinton St (op)

COMMITTEE VOTE: To approve on premises license for Lioness, 100 Clinton Street, provided applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will close 1 am Sunday through Wednesday and 3 am Thursday through Saturday, 2) it will serve food to within one (1) hour of closing, and 3) it will only use DJs occasionally and will hire them individually and not through outside promoters and it will cease use of DJs if there are any noise complaints from residents.

10. Reserva Dominicana, 80 E 7th St (rw)

COMMITTEE VOTE: To deny restaurant/wine license for Reserva Dominicana, 80 E 7th St, due to applicant's nonappearance before Community Board 3 and failure to furnish a proposed application for use of location and, further, because there are already eight (8) existing licenses on this block

11. Su-Ra, 105 E 9th St (rw)

No Vote Necessary: Withdrawn.

12. Normal, 168 Suffolk St (op)

No Vote Necessary: Withdrawn.

13. R&R, 176 2nd Ave (op)

No Vote Necessary: Withdrawn.

14. Good Friend, 129 Eldridge St (rw)

COMMITTEE VOTE: To approve on premises license for Good Friend, 129 Eldridge Street, provided applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will close no later than 10pm nightly and will revisit Community Board 3 should it wish to extend its hours of operation, and 2) it will always operate as a coffee shop.

BOARD VOTE:

31 YES 0 NO 1 ABS 0 PNV

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SANITATION COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Concerning Committee Report.

DISCUSSION: The Committee Chairperson noted the change made to Item #2, Second Sentence, Second Clause: "such as the NYFD Auxiliary Fire Volunteers and the original CERT team in NYC, the NYC Auxiliary Police/Emergency Service Rescue Program, who were trained in 1999 as FEMA certified instructors by the NYPD Emergency Services Unit"

1. Dept of Environmental Protection presentation for Manhattan Pump Station at Ave D at 11th & 12th Sts

No Vote Necessary

2. Support for increase Federal funding for NYC's Office of Emergency Management and other bodies involved in emergency training and Recommendation that community emergency training response program provide Further training opportunities in a faster and more efficient manner to Provide services and preparation for NYC citizens

COMMITTEE VOTE: To approve The Manhattan Borough Board's Resolution with the following addendum to be added: To also fund the original volunteer emergency response teams that have been in existence since 1950, such as the NYFD Auxiliary Fire Volunteers and the original CERT Team in NYC, the NYC Auxiliary Police/Emergency Service Rescue Program, who were trained in 1999 as FEMA Certified Instructors by the NYPD Emergency Service Unit.
Manhattan Borough Board Resolution

WHEREAS, The Borough of Manhattan is fighting for emergency and safety preparedness for citizens in the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Manhattan Borough President is part of the National League of Cities, the oldest and largest national organization representing the municipal governments throughout the United States. Its mission is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance; and

WHEREAS, The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on American soil have made Americans painfully aware of their vulnerability to violence from international terrorism; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Government has not adequately prepared its citizens in the case of another attack due to a lack in funding funneled to emergency preparedness programs; and

WHEREAS, The City of New York has several programs whose sole purpose is to adequately prepare citizens in the case of another such emergency, such as: NY Citizen Corps, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, and the All Together Now program; and

WHEREAS, Citizen Corps, a component of USA Freedom Corps, is a locally-driven initiative to have every American become an active participant in preventing, preparing for, and responding to crime, natural disasters and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Citizen Corps Councils help drive local citizen participation by coordinating Citizen Corps programs, developing community action plans, assessing possible threats and identifying local resources; and

WHEREAS, Citizen Corps is the federal program designed to harness the power of individuals through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training; and

WHEREAS, CERT groups of neighborhood and community-based volunteers undergo an intensive, 25-hour training program in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and medical operations; and

WHEREAS, The Empowerment Institute in partnership with New York City Office of Emergency Management has developed a program to help NYC residents take the necessary actions to be resilient in the face of emergencies ranging from terrorist attacks, to energy disruptions, to natural disasters. Titled All Together Now the program can be

participated in any individual households or as part of buildings or block-based teams of neighboring households. This initiative is being piloted in NYC over 2004/5; and

WHEREAS, This program's premise is that taking prudent precautions against terrorism, energy disruptions or the possibility of a natural disaster is a form of insurance. The program's title, All Together Now, reflects the that belief the best security is from teamwork; and

WHEREAS, these programs are critically under-funded by the federal government and therefore lack the ability to prepare the citizens of New York City; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manhattan Borough Board hereby recommend that: the federal government provide greater funding for the New York City's Office of Emergency Management and similar governing bodies involved with assisting citizens in preparing in the case that an emergency should occur; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CERT program provide further training opportunities in a faster and more efficient manner so as to run to its full capacity; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Empowerment Institute execute their program All Together Now to its full capacity so as to provide the services and preparation for the citizens of New York City; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to further fund the original volunteer emergency response teams that have been in existence since 1950, such as the original CERT Team in the NYC Auxiliary Police/Emergency Service Rescue Program and the NYFD Auxiliary Fire Volunteers who were trained in 1999 as FEMA Certified Instructors by the NYPD Emergency Services Unit.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Concerning Committee Report.

DISCUSSION: The Committee Chairperson noted three major motion changes:

1. DOT: Review of CB3 Policy for Street Co-Naming Applications

No Vote Necessary

2. Turn Signals for all Houston St Traffic at Aves B, C, & D

COMMITTEE VOTE: To ask DOT to install left turn signals for traffic on Houston St that turns left onto Ave C and Left onto both Ave D and Columbia St. Without the turn signals, we find that only 2 cars succeed in turning left during each light cycle.

3. Add a "right turn only" lane onto to East Canal St for traffic leaving the Manhattan Bridge

COMMITTEE VOTE: To ask DOT to restore the traffic pattern that existed at the exit ramp from the Manhattan Bridge where it intersects East Canal St and Chrystie St before the renovation completed in Summer 2004:

- (1) If the exit ramp is wide enough to accommodate 3 lanes, please add a third lane marked for right turn only.
- (2) Regardless of whether there can be 3 lanes on the exit ramp, please replace the "After Stop Right Turn On Red" sign for the rightmost lane.

4. Approval of 27 bike rack locations

COMMITTEE VOTE: To approve the installation of the 27 bike racks, but to ask DOT to focus more on the area south of Houston St in future proposals. The southern half of the CB3 district is not as well served as the northern half by bike racks.

5. Request for light change (timing) at Clinton & Delancey St (near Williamsburg Bridge)

COMMITTEE VOTE: To ask DOT to increase the amount of time devoted to pedestrian crossing in the light cycle at Clinton and Delancey St, at the foot of the Williamsburg Bridge. We believe that the crossing time is less than the minimum time requirement for the elderly and infirm, and that there should be even more time for pedestrians, even if the legal minimum is being met.

6. Requested changes to bus routes at Chatham Sq and crosswalk and signage changes at E

B'way, Worth St, and St James Pl

VOTE 1: To ask DOT to initiate feasibility studies for the following pedestrian safety improvements recommended to CB3 by the Civic Center Residents Coalition, based on input from local residents and businesses:

- (1) Pedestrian crosswalks and traffic lights on Worth St at the intersections with Mulberry St and Baxter St.
- (2) A pedestrian crosswalk on St. James Place at James St, near St. James School. There is a school crossing sign for north-bound traffic at this intersection today.
- (3) A mid-block pedestrian crosswalk on East Broadway between Chatham Square and Market St, with a visible sign to draw pedestrian's attention to the crosswalk.

VOTE 2: To ask MTA-NYCT to initiate feasibility studies for the following pedestrian safety improvements recommended to CB3 by the Civic Center Residents Coalition, based on input from local residents and businesses. The closing of Park Row severely affected the traffic circulation in CB3, which has had a negative economic impact on residents and commercial establishments in the vicinity. The rerouting of all Park Row traffic -- including the M9, M15, M22, and M103 buses -- onto Worth Street and St. James Place is a particular hardship for us, since congested traffic now takes a tremendously long time to circle the Civic Center area. Therefore, CB3 would like the MTA-NYCT to consider the following recommendations:

- (1) A bus stop for Worth St-bound buses on the Bowery near Mott St (in front of Citibank) instead of on Worth St near Mott St where the sidewalk is narrow. Articulated buses turning from the Bowery onto Worth St sometimes block both lanes of traffic heading west when vehicles are parked at the bus stop, impeding pedestrian crossings.
- (2) Restore the former bus stops on St. James Place near Oliver St for northbound buses and the former bus stop at St. James Place and the corner of Madison Street for southbound buses. There is currently about 1/3 mile between the bus stops at Bayard St and at Madison St on the M103 and B51 routes.

VOTE 3: To ask [the responsible agency] to come to the CB3 Transportation/Public Safety Committee meeting in March 2005 to report on the status of the conversion of the former Municipal Garage for use as parking by NYPD employees. CB3 hopes that this conversion of the garage would help address the following situation described in our FY'2006 District Needs Statement:

Parked cars displaying dashboard placards from the Police or Correction Departments routinely saturate the streets of Chinatown and ... Serious disruptions and safety problems for residents and businesses are caused by the large number of these cars that park illegally all day in spaces with time restrictions -- or worse, on sidewalks, by fire hydrants, and even in no-standing zones.

7. Old Business

COMMITTEE VOTE: To amend our November 2004 resolution to read as follows:

To ask DOT to install "No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading" signage on the west side of Ave B between Houston St and 4th St. There is a constriction of the road bed just north of 3rd St which is causing terrible congestion. There is a bus stop and a fire hydrant on the west side of the 3rd-4th Street block, so there would be a net loss of roughly 12 parking spaces.

BOARD VOTE:

32 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV

0 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 1 PNV (Item 2, PSC)

0 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV (Items 1-5, Trans)

MOTION PASSED

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